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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL – INVENTIONS FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM
(37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) AND M.P.E.P. 708.02, XI)

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) to make the above-identified application special for an invention that contributes to countering terrorism. The M.P.E.P. defines international terrorism as “activities that – (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended – (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping....” M.P.E.P §708.03(XI) (quoting 18 U.S.C. §2331).

The present application includes subject matter that directly applies to countering terrorism. Specifically, the present application discloses breathing apparatuses that prevent individuals from inhaling air contaminated by one or more terrorists.

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Breathing apparatuses, also known as respirators and gas masks, are an important part of safety in that they are useful to counter terrorist acts using, for instance, chemical weapons and/or biological weapons. The exemplary breathing apparatuses described in the above-identified application enable an individual using the respective breathing apparatus to breathe non-contaminated air or air that is at least less harmful to breathe than the contaminated air. Air can be contaminated by, for example, smoke, particulate matter, toxic gases, hydrogen cyanide, hydrogen chloride, carbon monoxide and biological and chemical weapons. The exemplary breathing apparatuses are operable to prevent or reduce inhalation of such contaminated air by an individual. Further, the exemplary breathing apparatuses prevent contaminated air from entering the nose, eyes and ears of the user by covering these openings with a transparent bag. The breathing apparatuses of the present application can be used by adults and children.

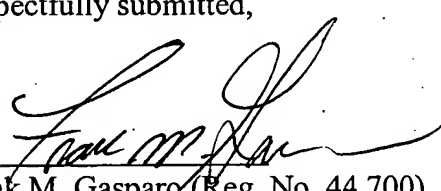
Terrorists contaminate the air to produce fatalities and for intimidation and coercion purposes. Terrorist acts are obviously dangerous to human life and are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application discloses an invention which counters terrorism by protecting an individual from inhaling air contaminated by terrorist. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application be made special and that the examination thereof accordingly be accelerated.

Please charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 02-0393 of Baker & McKenzie.

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